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## THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. Vietnam

There is still no evidence that Moscow has actually delivered any aid to Hanoi.

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Peiping's People's Daily editorial of 25 March was the most explicit warning yet of possible Chinese military intervention in Vietnam. However, the Chinese appeared to be using a cautionary hedge, saying that troops would be sent "whenever the South Vietnamese people want them."

Soviet officials are continuing their campaign of sending expressions of concern to the US through third-country diplomats. At a recent reception in Moscow, both the French ambassador and the British charge were told of the need for a political solution and the difficulties caused by US actions.

2. South Vietnam

Catholic discontent with the Quat regime continues to simmer. The militant Catholics say the Buddhists are trying to eliminate Catholic influence from the government.

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### 3. Congo

Colonel Hoare's mercenary column has taken Aru, the main entry point of rebel-bound arms from Uganda. (See map.) Unexpectedly, the rebels offered no resistance and fled north.

There have been more reports of arms shipments arriving at Juba in the Sudan, but it is not clear whether much of this is reaching the rebels. At this stage, however, it is unlikely that anything less than foreign "volunteers" will be able to halt the rebellion's decline.

### 4. Cyprus

The Turks are going ahead with plans to rotate some of their troops on Cyprus this weekend. Makarios has said he will not oppose this.

No significant new diplomatic moves have been reported.

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### 5. Eastern Europe

The ineffectiveness of the 1 March meeting of Communist parties in Moscow has strengthened the independent attitudes of most East European leaders.

### 6. Morocco

The riots which started in Casablanca on Tuesday spread to other major Moroccan cities yesterday. Nearly all government opposition elements joined in the protest against widespread unemployment and inflation.

Security forces appear to have things under control, but the incidents may signal the beginning of a long period of political agitation.

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